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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

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DECISION

FOP/148376

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed March 28, 2013, under Wis. Admin. Code §HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Milwaukee Enrollment Services in regard to FoodShare benefits (FS), a hearing was held on April 25, 2013, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner's appeal was timely filed.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
By: Katherine May, HSPC
Milwaukee Enrollment Services
1220 W. Vliet St.
Milwaukee, WI 53205

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Mayumi M. Ishii
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Milwaukee County.
2. On November 19, 2012, Milwaukee Enrollment Services (the agency) sent Petitioner a Notification of FoodShare Overissuance, Claim Number [REDACTED], indicating that she had been overissued FoodShare benefits in the amount of \$685.00 for the period from 10/17/08 to 11/30/08. (Exhibit 4, pgs. 3-5)

3. On November 19, 2012, the agency sent Petitioner a second Notification of FoodShare Overissuance, Claim Number [REDACTED], indicating that she had been over-issued FoodShare benefits in the amount of \$4246.00, for the period 05/13/10 to 04/30/11. (Exhibit 4, pgs. 6-8)
4. On November 19, 2012, the agency sent Petitioner a third Notification of FoodShare Overissuance, Claim Number [REDACTED], indicating that she had been over-issued FoodShare benefits in the amount of \$3775.00 for the period for 05/01/11 to 03/31/12. (Exhibit 4, pgs. 9-18)
5. Petitioner filed a request for fair hearing that was received by the Division of Hearings and Appeals on March 28, 2013. (Exhibit 1)

DISCUSSION

A hearing officer can only hear cases on the merits if there is jurisdiction to do so. There is no jurisdiction if a hearing request is untimely. An appeal of a negative action concerning FoodShare must be filed within 90 days of the date of that action. 7 C.F.R., § 273.15(g). A negative action can be the denial of an application, the reduction of benefits, the termination of an ongoing case, or as in this case, the assessment of a FoodShare overissuance.

Petitioner's appeal was filed on March 28, 2013, 129 days after the November 19, 2012 date of the action. Thus, it was untimely, and no jurisdiction exists for considering the merits of the case.

Petitioner is encouraged to contact the Public Assistance Collections Unit at 1-800-943-9499.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There is no jurisdiction as the appeal is untimely.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

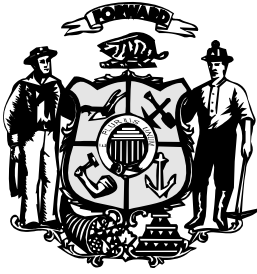
You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, this 30th day of April, 2013.

\sMayumi M. Ishii
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on April 30, 2013.

Milwaukee Enrollment Services
Public Assistance Collection Unit
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability